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PRESIDENT: If you are successful in it, then we will have two separate debates on the two names. Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, just for a point of information, when that same motion is made relating to a bill that is held by committee, that bill is within that committee for 20 days, then that action is taken and if that vote does fail then the bill is indefinitely postponed. I find not a similarity here. How would the motion be that it lay over a day. It seems no similarity Mr. President.

PRESIDENT: Except that Senator Nichol is not the introducer of this bill. If you want to...I'll tell you this, if you want to...

SENATOR MILLS: I object.

PRESIDENT: You're going to appeal my ruling? The Chair withdraws its ruling.

SENATOR MILLS: Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Nichol.

SENATOR NICHOL: May we suspend the rules and take up these two names?

PRESIDENT: Yes.

SENATOR NICHOL: I move.

PRESIDENT: There is a motion to suspend the rules so that these two names may be put on the floor for debate on the matter of confirmation. That is in order. Do you want to discuss that matter Senator Simon? Alright, I recognize you.

SENATOR SIMON: Mr. President, I rise to oppose Senator Nichol's motion. I think probably I of maybe more so than anyone else on the floor would like to see one of these members confirmed. Mr. Davis happens to reside in my district; he lives two blocks away from me. I've looked over his qualifications and I would suggest that he's probably more qualified than any other member that was nominated and serving on this committee. However, in all fairness to the members of the committee, much as I would have wished that they would have confirmed them at that time, 4 members were not on the floor when the voting took place. I do not wish to circumvent that committee. I would hope that the committee in its wisdom, collective wisdom, would pass his name onto the floor. I'll certainly give them the chance to do that before I try to yank Mr. Davis' name up on the floor. I would oppose having Mr. Davis' name brought before the floor of the Legislature in this manner.

PRESIDENT: Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, I certainly do appreciate that because Senator Simon has been one who has been pushing for Mr. Somebody, who lives next door, who is a good friend, no nepotism involved of course. But has been pushing most vigorously to get this person confirmed. I would beg of you to let the committee act upon its own